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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

On February 29, 2008, a Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed for the above-referenced application. Attached to the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner provided an Examiner's Amendment. As previously agreed during a conversation between Applicant's representative, Floron C. Faries, and the Examiner, Applicant accepts the changes made to the claims by the Examiner's amendment. However, although Applicant agrees that the present claims are allowable over the prior art of record, Applicant does not wish for the Examiner's reasons for allowance to be binding on Applicant in any manner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully declines to accept the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

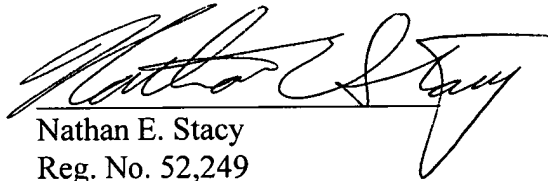
Applicant respectfully emphasizes that the amendments made to independent claims 1, 30, and 41, referred to in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, merely incorporate limitations from dependent claims 3 and 31. The amendments do not incorporate any further specific limitations of embodiments disclosed in the specification or discussed in the prosecution history. Accordingly, these claims should be interpreted in accordance with the accepted canons of claim construction and should not be unduly limited by any limitations read in from the specification or by any implied estoppels resulting from the Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance. Moreover, Applicant may wish to pursue the unamended claims (in their form prior to the Examiner's amendment) in a continuing application.

Further, in reliance upon M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, Applicant notes that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is merely the personal opinion of the Examiner as to why the Examiner believes the claims to be allowable. However, the Examiner's statement may not create an estoppel, as only an Applicant's statement may be used to create an estoppel. Indeed, the failure of an Applicant to comment on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be treated as acquiescence to the Examiner's reasons. Further, Applicant understands that each of the Examiner's statements should include at least (1) the major difference in the claims not found in the prior art of record, and (2) the reasons why that difference is considered to define patentably over the prior art if either of these reasons for allowance is not clear in the record. Accordingly, to the extent that the Examiner does not rely upon language actually used in a claim, to the extent that the Examiner misinterprets claim language, and to the extent that the

Examiner misinterprets prior art, the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is improper. Furthermore, Applicant realizes that the Examiner's statement is not intended to state all of the reasons for allowance. Although Applicant agrees that the present claims are allowable over the prior art of record, Applicant does not wish for the Examiner's reasons for allowance to be binding on Applicant in any manner, and it should not be inferred or presumed that Applicant acquiesced to the Examiner's statements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully declines to accept the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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